

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action rejections in view of the following remarks.

Rejections under 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 6, 12-24 and 27-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by Oberdorf et al (US Pat. No. 6,114,342). Claim 6 has been amended per the Examiner's suggestion during the July 22, 2008 interview to reflect proper Markush terminology. Consequently, Oberdorf fails to disclose or render obvious all of the elements of claim 6. The Examiner indicated that he would be inclined toward favorable consideration of claim 6 as amended above. The remaining claims are dependent, directly or indirectly, from claim 6, so that all claims should be allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are requested. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested. The Director is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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